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<b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b>  Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)	Application Number: <b>10/671,427</b>
	Filing Date: <b>September 26, 2003</b>
	First Named Inventor: <b>Naokatsu Ikegami et al.</b>
	Group Art Unit: <b>2856</b>
	Examiner Name: <b>John C. Hanley</b>
Attorney Docket Number: <b>OKI 383/NSB</b>	

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.  
**Note:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

**1. Submission Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously Submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s) reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any un-entered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (i) required).
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. FEES** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 18-0002.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed.
- c. ☒ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed).

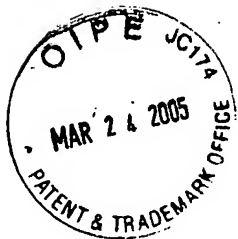
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In re PATENT APPLICATION of

Applicants : Naokatsu Ikegami et al.

Appl. No. : 10/671,427

Filed : September 26, 2003

For : ACCELERATION SENSOR

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March 24, 2005

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Sir:

This Amendment is filed on in response to the first Office Action mailed December 27, 2004. No fee is due, but if any fee is needed to enter this paper, please charge Deposit Account No. 18-0002 and advise us accordingly.

Figs. 1-3, show the amendment feature "wherein a level of the first region of the top surface is substantially the same as a level of the second region of the of the top surface" and also the two "regions." That language is supported in the amended specification.

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